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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Melanie Tyson	3731	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 10 July 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 19.

Identification of prior art discussed: Huebner and Martello.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed proposed amendments for independent claims 1 and 19. Examiner determined the proposed amendments would not overcome the Huebner and Martello references. Examiner suggested Applicant further define the structure of the suture engaging section, as well as the structure of the suture passage with respect to the suture engaging section and bone engaging section. Applicant has agreed to further define these elements and will submit a supplemental amendment.

Melanie Tyson
July 10, 2007

Handwritten signature of Melanie Tyson, consisting of the letters 'MT' in a stylized, cursive script.